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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN PRESS ON VIENNA AND MAPUTO MEETINGS,
RHODESIAN SITUATION AND OIL SANCTIONS

1. ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL OF MAY 21 CARRIED REUTERS ARTICLE
DATELINED MAPUTO UNDER HEADLINE "USA SAYS NO TO PROPOSALS".
ARTICLE REPORTED AMBASSADOR YOUNG S OPPOSITION TO DRAFT
PROPOSAL AT MAPUTO TO IMPOSE ARMS EMBARGO AND SEVER POSTAL
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AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINKS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. ARTICLE
QUOTES AMBASSADOR YOUNG AS SAYING MOST AMERICANS WOULD PROBABLY
AGREE WITH EMBARGO THOUGH NOT WITH SERVING POSTAL LINKS
BUT THAT SANCTIONS AND REPRISALS AT THIS TIME WOULD
COMPLICATE NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING RHODESIA. NO EDITORIAL
COMMENT OFFERED.

2. MAILY ALSO CARRIED REUTERS ARTICLE DATELINED VIENNA WITH HEADLINE "FORGET ABOUT HELP, US TELLS VORSTER," ARTICLE REPORTS OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S AND SA PRIME MINISTER VORSTER'S SEPARATE PRESS CONFERENCES FOLLOWING TALKS IN VIENNA. THE VICE PRESIDENT IS REPORTED AS HAVING TOLD VORSTER THAT US WOULD NOT ASSIST SOUTH AFRICA IN ANY CRISIS PRECIPITATED BY ITS RACIAL POLICIES. HE ALSO IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT VORSTER REJECTED THE DISMANTLING OF APARTHEID AND FULL POLITICAL PARTICIPATION BY BLACKS. VORSTER'S STATEMENT THAT SOUTH AFRICA MUST GOVERN "IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ITS COUNTRY AND PEOPLE" AND THAT THE WORLD SHOULD GIVE SA CREDIT FOR "DOING OUR BEST", IS GIVEN PROMINENCE. THE TALKS ARE AS HARD HITTING AND FRANK WITH SOME PROGRESS MADE ON THE RHODESIAN AND NAMIBIAN ISSUES.

3. IN ANOTHER REUTERS ARTICLE FROM VIENNA, SOUTH AFRICAN MP VORSTER IS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT IT WAS A MISTAKE TO EQUATE SA BLACKS WITH THOSE IN THE UNITED STATES. US BLACKS HAD BEEN "AMERICANIZED" BUT SA BLACKS LIVED AS SEPARATE NATIONS WITH THEIR OWN CULTURE, TRADITIONS, AND GOVERNMENT. REPORTS ALSO NOTED VORSTER'S HOPE THAT ALL PARTIES WOULD DE-ESCALATE THE VIOLENCE IN RHODESIA AND THAT HE WAS PLEASED THAT WESTERN NATIONS WERE TRYING TO FIND A CONSTITUTIONAL SOLUTION IN RHODESIA. VORSTER AGREED THAT NAMIBIA SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT BUT THAT IT WAS NOT FOR OUTSIDERS TO TELL PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA HOW TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS. HE REFERRED TO SWAPO LEADER SAM NUJOMA AS AN "ADVENTURER" AND SAID IF SWAPO DETAINEES WERE RELEASED IN SOUTH AFRICA, THOSE DETAINED IN OTHER AFRICAN NATIONS SHOULD BE RELEASED AS UNCLASSIFIED

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WELL. ON US/SOUTH AFRICAN RELATIONS HE HOPED "SOUND JUDGMENT WOULD PREVAIL" ON ANY QUESTION OF US PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THE MATTER OF RACIAL SEGREGATION.

4. A REPORT ON THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF ZAMBIA QUOTES ZAMBIA CONGRESS OF TRADE UNION CHAIRMAN AS CALLING FOR ZIMBABWEANS TO SABOTAGE THE ECONOMY OF REBEL RHODESIA. SAYING THAT "SMITH IS A TERRORIST" THE CHAIRMAN ASKED THE "BROTHERS IN ZIMBABWE" TO "DEMONSTRATE THEIR COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM BY PARALYZING THE REBEL ECONOMY." HE CLAIMED THAT EUROPEANS OWED ZAMBIA A DEBT FOR HAVING CALLED ON US TO HELP THEM OVERTHROW ANOTHER EUROPEAN, HITLER, AND THAT IT WAS A MATTER OF MORALITY, NOT IDEALOGY, THAT EUROPEANS NOW HELP ZAMBIA TO DEFEAT SMITH.

5. A BRIEF ARTICLE IN THE MAIL OF MAY 21 SAID THAT THE BANK OF ZAMBIA, CITING THE STATE OF WAR BETWEEN ZAMBIA AND RHODESIA, HAD SUSPENDED ALL PAYMENTS FOR WHATEVER

PURPOSE TO THE REBEL COLONY.

6. DAILY MAIL ALSO CARRIED BRIEF INSIDE ARTICLE QUOTING
MOBIL ZAMBIA SOURCES IN NDOLA AS SAYING THAT US TREASURY
INVESTIGATION HAD FOUND NO EVIDENCE THAT MOBIL HAD VIOLATED
RHODESIA OIL SANCTIONS.
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